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California National Guard Supports Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

The California National Guard is deploying more than 500 troops along with their equipment to support relief efforts underway in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

At the direction of Governor Schwarzenegger, the California National Guard began mobilization and deployment operations to aid in area security, communications, cargo airlift and humanitarian aid. The first elements of the response package have already departed for Louisiana, with follow on units deploying over the next 12 to 24 hours.

Brigadier General William H. Wade II, newly appointed commander of the Guard, has focused his organization on responding to the emergency.

“The California National Guard is answering the call to assist in this critical humanitarian mission. We remain ready to support Californians here at home, but will do whatever else it takes to help those in need in the affected States.”

The California National Guard is responding as part of a national effort to restore essential services and security to the people affected by this devastating natural disaster. This 500 person force represents an initial response effort. California is anticipating additional requests for support personnel as the situation continues to develop.

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